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Subject: Re: Board update: Truck Convoy

From: Ayotte, Kim <Kim.Ayotte@ottawa.ca>
Sent: Tuesday, January 25, 2022 6:07:31 PM
To: Ferguson, Patricia K (Police) <FergusonP@ottawapolice.ca>
Subject: Re: Board update: Truck Convoy

Thanks Trish!

From: Ferguson, Patricia K <FergusonP@ottawapolice.ca>
Sent: Tuesday, January 25, 2022 4:58:09 PM
To: Ayotte, Kim <Kim.Ayotte@ottawa.ca>
Subject: Board update: Truck Convoy

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Good Afternoon Kim,

I just wanted to share with you our messaging for the upcoming truck convoy that is set to arrive in town this weekend. For your awareness, the NCRCC will be stood up and our policing and city partners will be joining us there.

Below is the information we are sharing with our board, but may also be shared with the Mayor and possibly council tomorrow.
I thought you might want to see it and I wanted to extend to you that if you have any questions or concerns please reach out.

Hope you're well,

Trish

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Board members,

The purpose of this email is to update you on a Trucker convoy scheduled to arrive in Ottawa beginning Friday, January 28th. This will be a significant and extremely fluid event that could go on for a prolonged period.

First and foremost, our priority is to maintain the safety of members of our community and participants in the demonstration.

We are working with our City and policing partners to help manage what we anticipate to be significant traffic disruptions and delays in Ottawa throughout this coming weekend.

Our Special Events section is in contact with the organizers of the event to establish dialogue and encourage open communication. We expect this to be a peaceful demonstration as they have been in other cities thus far. Police Liaison Officers will be the demonstrator's first point of contact on the ground.

Although it is still unknown how many trucks or people will participate in the demonstration and how long they plan to stay, we will deploy appropriate police resources to mitigate any safety risks. We are also working on staffing plans to minimize the impact on police calls for service across Ottawa unrelated to the convoy.

You will be kept informed on city-wide traffic and transit plans as they develop. We know residents are concerned about emergency vehicles being delayed or stuck in traffic disruptions. We are doing our best to have organizers agree to keep a lane of traffic open, and fortunately, we have seen them adhere to in other cities.

Ottawa residents will be kept informed via strategic and integrated communications plans with input from all impacted organizations.

As you know, the Ottawa Police Service manages public safety-related issues at hundreds of demonstrations every year. We work with organizers to preserve the peace and minimize impacts for residents and businesses while protecting the right to demonstrate.

Police have a sworn duty to maintain public order and preserve the peace. The Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms guarantees certain rights and fundamental freedoms, including opinion, expression and peaceful assembly.

As with any significant event, we encourage everyone to follow verified sources of information on social media.

Background:

This Toronto Star article provides some additional background information behind the convoy.

Trish Ferguson
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